

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended): An elevator car comprising a single, rigid toe guard member slidably mounted to a bottom of the car so as to be slidable upwards in the event that the toe guard member strikes ~~the bottom of a hoist way~~ a bottom of a hoistway pit.
2. (Previously Presented): An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 wherein the toe guard member is slidably mounted to a car door sill bracket.
3. (Previously Presented): An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least one strengthening bracket that depends downwardly from an underside of the car, the toe guard member being slidably mounted to said the strengthening bracket.
4. (Previously Presented): An elevator as claimed in claim 3 wherein the strengthening bracket is rigid and shorter than the toe guard member.
5. (Previously Presented): An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a safety switch arranged to stop the elevator car in the event that the toe guard member is pushed to the uppermost end of its travel.